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OHH... NOW I REMEMBER...

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...DESTROYED MY UNIFORM!

DRESSED MYSELF WITH CLOTHES FROM A DEAD CIVILIAN!

WHAT'S THAT--A PATROL--

YOU...!

HALT!

DU ITALIENISCHES SCHWEIN!

HAH!

LOOK! HE SURRENDERS--LIKE A SOLDIER!

BUT HE WILL BE SHOT FOR A SPY!

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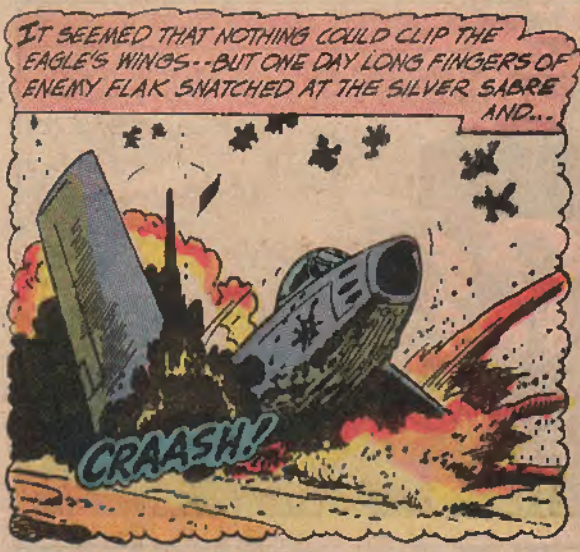
UNDERSTAND??
"AMERIKANISCHER SOLDAT..."
SO? WHERE DID YOU GET THOSE CIVILIAN CLOTHES?
FROM A DEAD MAN! HE DIDN'T COMPLAIN,,,
KOMM--OUR MILITARY COURT WILL DEAL WITH YOU-- VERY QUICKLY!
MARSCH!
BUT--I'M AN AMERIKANISCHER SOLDAT,," I TELL YOU!
U.S. ARMY!
INFANTRY!
I CHANGED CLOTHES WITH A,,, DEAD MAN!
MARSCH, DU SCHWEIN!
YOU SAY YOU ARE AN AMERIKANER-- AND YOU SPEAK LIKE ONE--
YET, HERE YOU STAND, DRESSED LIKE ANY ITALIAN PEASANT--
--AND NOT AS A SOLDIER --NOT IN UNIFORM!
THUS, YOUR ROLE MUST BE THAT OF AN INFILTRATOR,,,
--A SPY!
--A TERRORIST, AND SABOTEUR!

--AND FOR THAT YOU CANNOT ENJOY ANY OF THE RIGHTS ACCORDED TO ENEMY PRISONERS OF WAR UNDER THE ARTICLES OF THE GENEVA CONVENTION--
--YOU WILL SUFFER DEATH WITHOUT HONOR--
A SPY'S DEATH!
DEATH BY HANGING!
NO! NO! I'M NOT A SPY! I'M A SOLDIER!
LATER, IN THE LOST G.I.'S DEATH CELL...
TO DIE L-LIKE THAT...?
NO!
GOT TO TRY TO ESCAPE!
EVEN IF I'M SHOT IN THE ATTEMPT--
--IT'S STILL BETTER THAN BEING HANGED!
--BUT WHY AM I GIVING UP?--
I'M NOT DEAD...YET!
I'VE HEARD OF FANTASTIC ESCAPES--FIGHTING MEN WHO CHEATED THE GRIM REAPER!

A GUN--IF I COULD CARVE A GUN...THEN...I COULD ESCAPE--LIKE THAT G.I. WHO CARVED...
HE HAS CRACKED! THE GREAT SKY FIGHTER PLAYS WITH A TOY PLANE! THE YANKEE EAGLE IS NOW NOTHING BUT A BABBLING IDIOT!
The TOY JET!
K-9OO
LONG AGO, IN HIS SILVER SABRE, THE FIGHTER PILOT HAD ROAMED AND HUNTED IN THE SKY AS IF HE OWNED IT!
BRATTA
THE ENEMY WHO TRADED BLAZING LEAD WITH HIM IN THE AIR KNEW HE WAS--AN EAGLE!
I.T.


IT SEEMED THAT NOTHING COULD CLIP THE EAGLE'S WINGS--BUT ONE DAY LONG FINGERS OF ENEMY FLAK SNATCHED AT THE SILVER SABRE AND...
CRAASH!

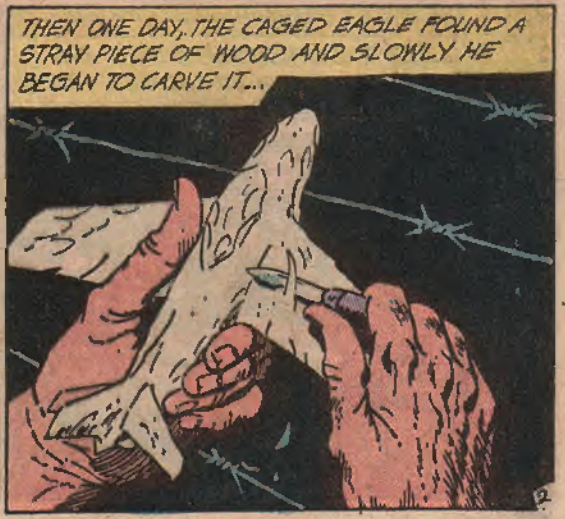
AND NOW THE PILOT WHO HAD ROARED THROUGH THE SKIES--BECAME A CAGED EAGLE!

THE ENEMY TRIED EVERYTHING TO MAKE THE CAGED EAGLE CRACK!... FREEZING COLD AND SLEET...

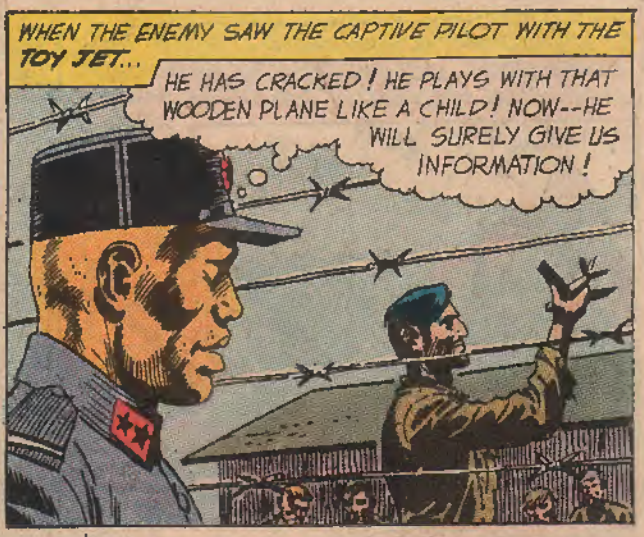
HAMMERING SUN AND MADDENING THIRST...

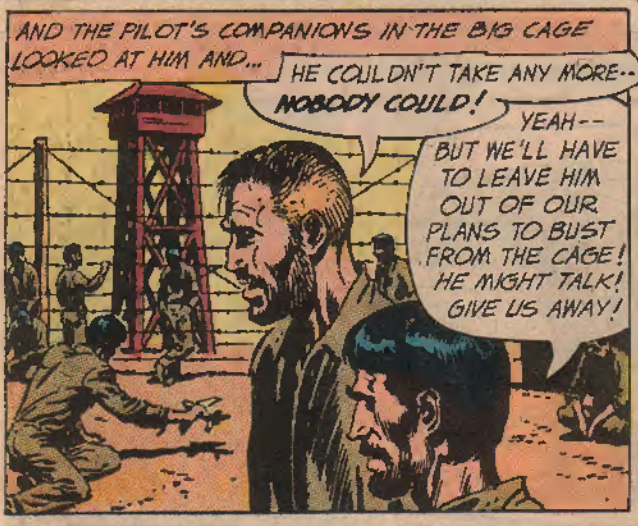
HUNGER AND ETERNAL QUESTIONING...
YOU WILL CRACK ANYWAY! TALK NOW! TALK TALK!

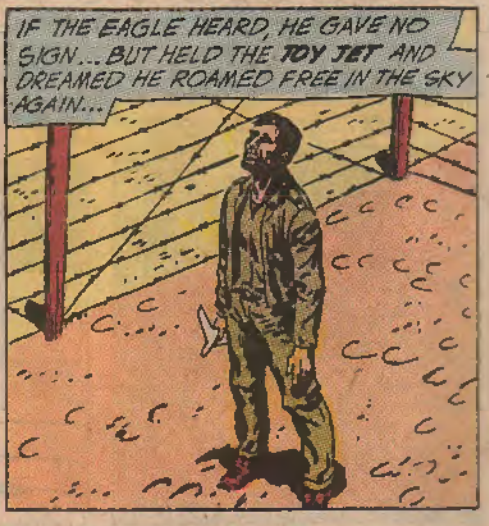
BUT THE PILOT NEVER TOOK HIS EYES FROM THE SKY--WHERE SPARKING JETS HUNTED FREE AS EAGLES...

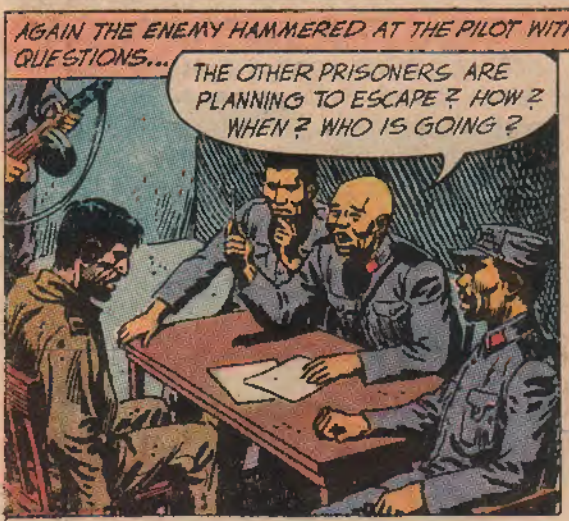

THEN ONE DAY, THE CAGED EAGLE FOUND A STRAY PIECE OF WOOD AND SLOWLY HE BEGAN TO CARVE IT...

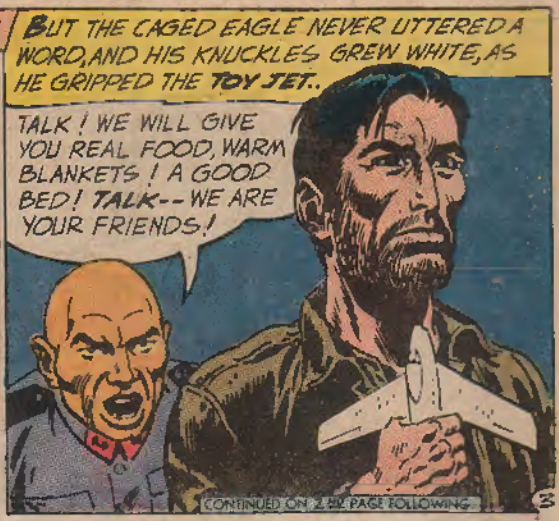
AND THEN, WHEN HE HAD FINISHED CARVING THE PIECE OF WOOD, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MANY DAYS, THE CAGED PILOT SMILED...


WHEN THE ENEMY SAW THE CAPTIVE PILOT WITH THE TOY JET...
HE HAS CRACKED! HE PLAYS WITH THAT WOODEN PLANE LIKE A CHILD! NOW--HE WILL SURELY GIVE US INFORMATION!


AND THE PILOT'S COMPANIONS IN THE BIG CAGE LOOKED AT HIM AND...
HE COULDN'T TAKE ANY MORE-- NOBODY COULD!
YEAH-- BUT WE'LL HAVE TO LEAVE HIM OUT OF OUR PLANS TO BUST FROM THE CAGE! HE MIGHT TALK! GIVE US AWAY!


IF THE EAGLE HEARD, HE GAVE NO SIGN... BUT HELD THE TOY JET AND DREAMED HE ROAMED FREE IN THE SKY AGAIN...


AGAIN THE ENEMY HAMMERED AT THE PILOT WITH QUESTIONS...
THE OTHER PRISONERS ARE PLANNING TO ESCAPE? HOW? WHEN? WHO IS GOING?


BUT THE CAGED EAGLE NEVER UTTERED A WORD, AND HIS KNUCKLES GREW WHITE, AS HE GRIPPED THE TOY JET..
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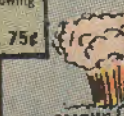

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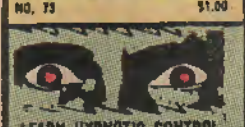

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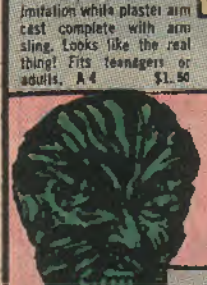

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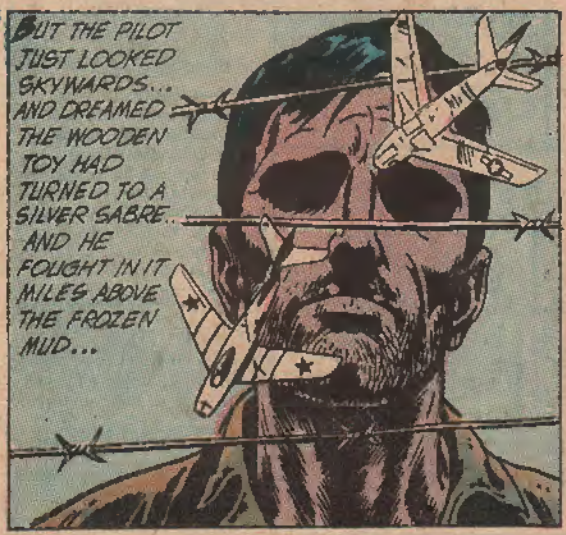
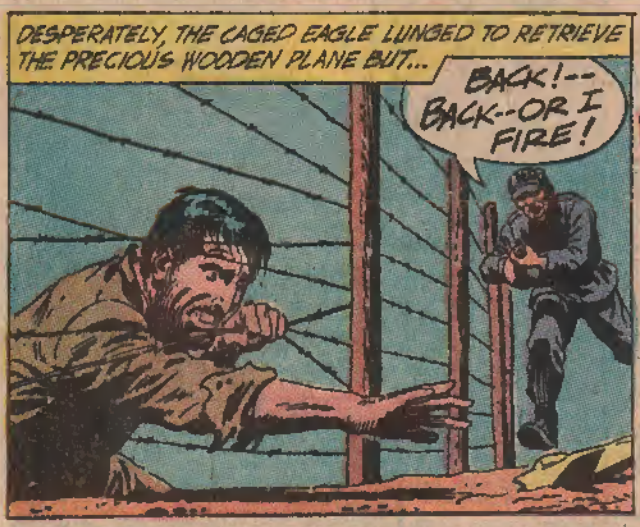

BUT THE PILOT JUST LOOKED SKYWARDS... AND DREAMED THE WOODEN TOY HAD TURNED TO A SILVER SABRE.. AND HE FOUGHT IN IT MILES ABOVE THE FROZEN MUD...

THEN... ONE DAY... THE PILOT DROPPED THE TOY JET NEAR THE BARBED WIRE OF THE BIG CAGE..


DESPERATELY, THE CAGED EAGLE LUNGED TO RETRIEVE THE PRECIOUS WOODEN PLANE BUT...
BACK!-- BACK--OR I FIRE!

BUT THE PILOT NEVER STOPPED STRAINING TO REACH THE TOY JET EVEN WHEN..
BRAT!

NOW I KNOW WHAT WILL MAKE HIM TALK!

WE'VE BEEN WRONG OFFERING HIM WARM CLOTHES AND FOOD! THERE IS SOMETHING ELSE HE WANTS MUCH MORE! THE TOY PLANE REVEALED IT!

SHORTLY, THE DOWNED EAGLE LEFT THE CAGE UNDER THE ACCUSING STARES OF HIS BUDDIES...
HE'S SOLD US OUT!
TURNCOAT!
TRAITOR!
SOON, AT AN ENEMY FIELD, WHERE SLEEK MIG JETS WAITED FOR THEIR NEXT MISSION...
THERE! REAL JETS! NOT A TOY! IF YOU TALK NOW--WE MIGHT EVEN LET YOU RIDE IN ONE AGAIN!
23
NOW--TELL ME WHO'S PLANNING TO ESCAPE? WHEN? HOW?
SUDDENLY, THE PILOT SEIZED THE ENEMY CAPTAIN'S PISTOL...
ONE MOVE TOWARD US--AND I FIRE!
TENSELY, THE PILOT MARCHED HIS CAPTIVE TOWARD THE JET...
SO! YOU PLAYED THE FOOL-- FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ESCAPE! BUT--YOU WILL NEVER MAKE IT! NEVER! NEVER!
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BUT--A FEW MOMENTS LATER... THE PILOT STARTS HIS DESPERATE STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM...
SHOOT HIM DOWN!
VROOOSH
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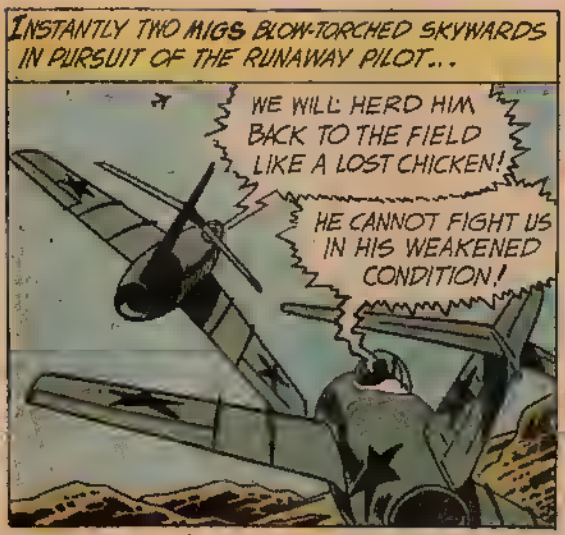
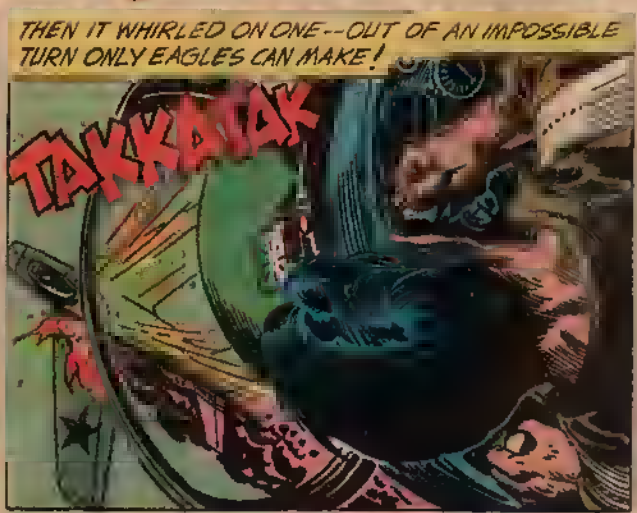
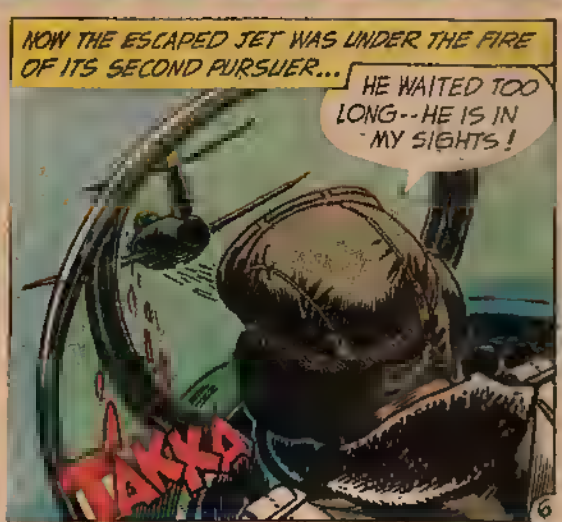

INSTANTLY TWO MIGS BLOW-TORCHED SKYWARDS IN PURSUIT OF THE RUNAWAY PILOT...
WE WILL HERD HIM BACK TO THE FIELD LIKE A LOST CHICKEN!
HE CANNOT FIGHT US IN HIS WEAKENED CONDITION!

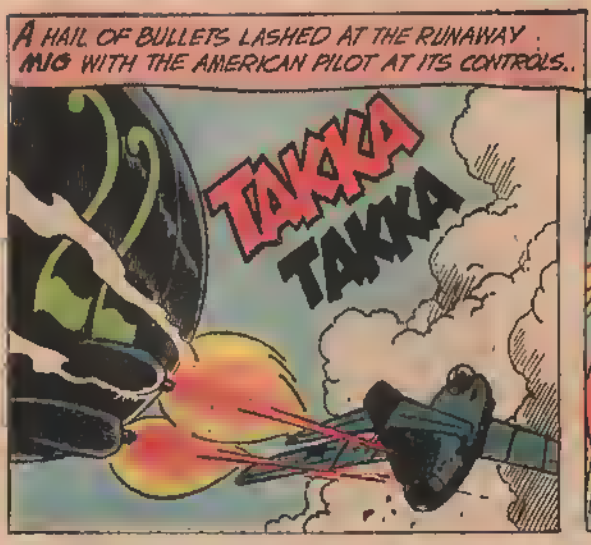
BUT, AS THE CONFIDENT ENEMY PILOTS GAINED ON THEIR PREY--HE SUDDENLY TURNED ON THEM...
BRAT
BRATTA

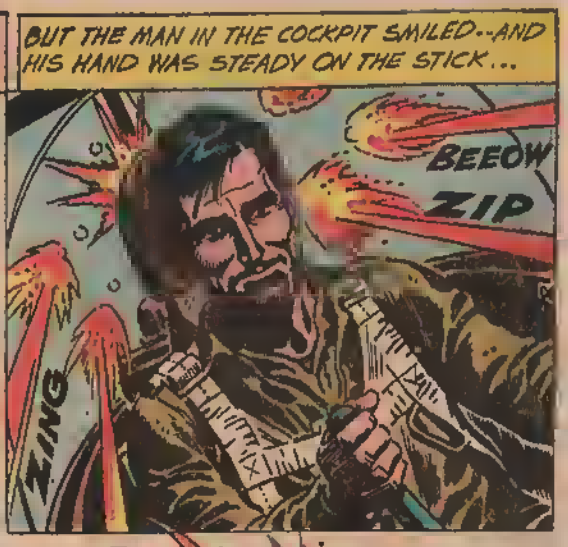
THE ESCAPED MIG SPLIT ITS TWO PURSUERS WITH A SLASHING WINGOVER...
WHOOOSH!

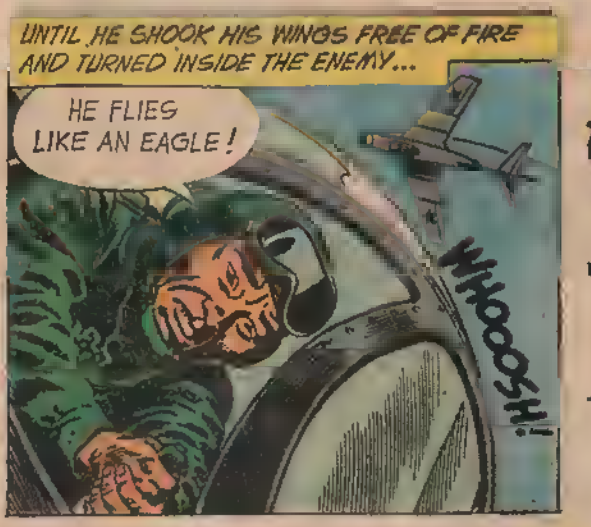

THEN IT WHIRLED ON ONE--OUT OF AN IMPOSSIBLE TURN ONLY EAGLES CAN MAKE!
TAKKATAK

A SECOND LATER THE MIG WAS PLUMMETING EARTHWARD LIKE A ROMAN CANDLE...
WHREEEE!


NOW THE ESCAPED JET WAS UNDER THE FIRE OF ITS SECOND PURSUER...
HE WAITED TOO LONG--HE IS IN MY SIGHTS!
TAKKA

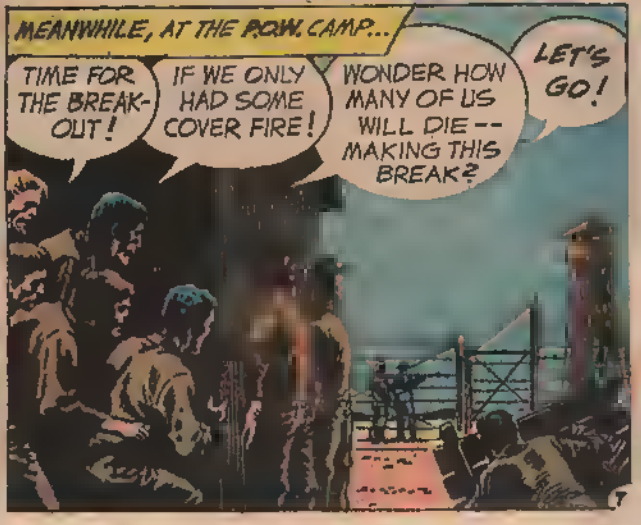

A HAIL OF BULLETS LASHED AT THE RUNAWAY MIG WITH THE AMERICAN PILOT AT ITS CONTROLS..
TAKKA TAKKA

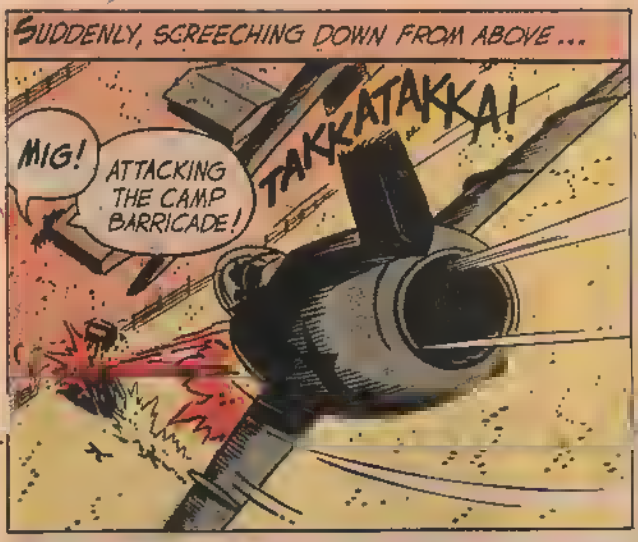

BUT THE MAN IN THE COCKPIT SMILED--AND HIS HAND WAS STEADY ON THE STICK...
BEEOW
ZIP
ZING

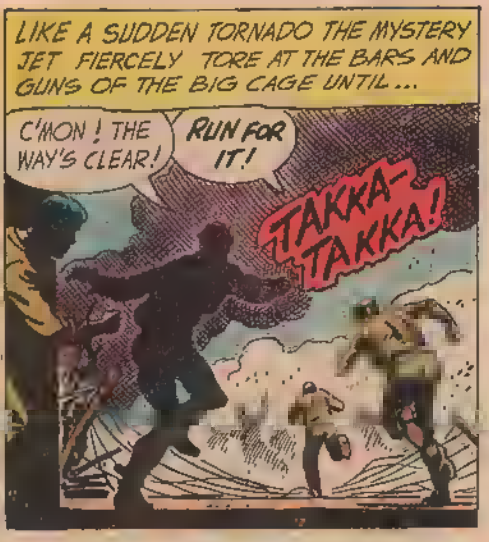

UNTIL HE SHOOK HIS WINGS FREE OF FIRE AND TURNED INSIDE THE ENEMY...
HE FLIES LIKE AN EAGLE!
WHOOOSH!

WHAM!

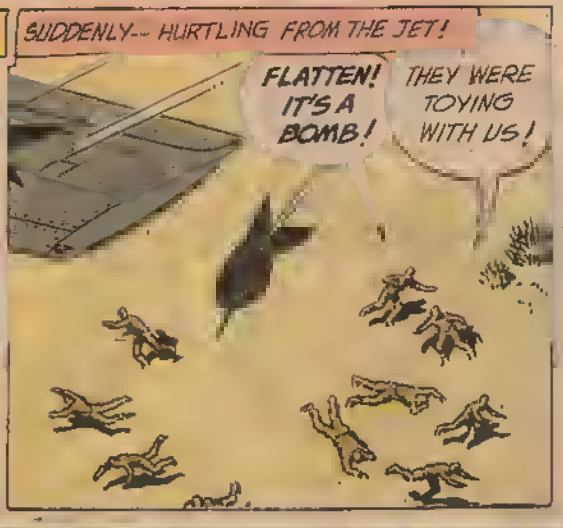
THEN, THOUGH THE SKIES WERE CLEAR... THE PILOT DID A STRANGE THING...
CAPTIVITY DID UNHINGE HIS MIND! THE FOOL FLIES BACK INTO OUR LINES!


MEANWHILE, AT THE P.O.W. CAMP...
TIME FOR THE BREAK-OUT!
IF WE ONLY HAD SOME COVER FIRE!
WONDER HOW MANY OF US WILL DIE -- MAKING THIS BREAK?
LET'S GO!

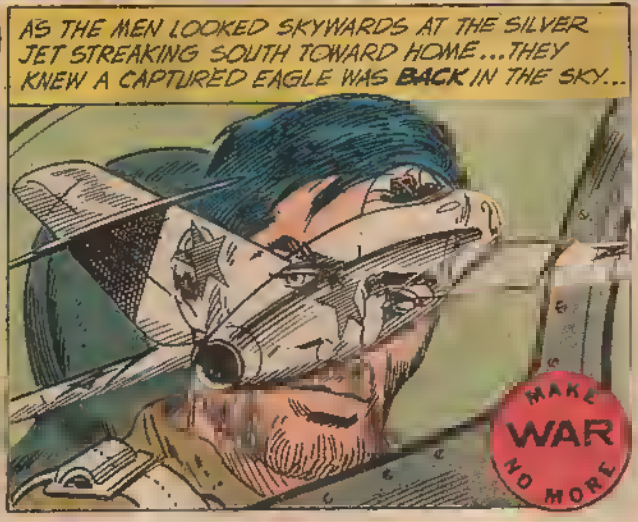

SUDDENLY, SCREECHING DOWN FROM ABOVE ...
MIG!
ATTACKING THE CAMP BARRICADE!
TAKKATAKKA!


LIKE A SUDDEN TORNADO THE MYSTERY JET FIERCELY TORE AT THE BARS AND GUNS OF THE BIG CAGE UNTIL ...
C'MON! THE WAY'S CLEAR!
RUN FOR IT!
TAKKA-TAKKA!

THE PILOT-PRISONERS STREAMED THROUGH THE HOLE IN THE BIG CAGE..
WE'RE OUT! WE'RE OKAY!
THANKS TO THAT MIG!
WONDER WHO'S IN IT?


SUDDENLY-- HURTLING FROM THE JET!
FLATTEN! IT'S A BOMB!
THEY WERE TOYING WITH US!

BUT...
IT'S THE TOY JET!
NOW--WE KNOW WHO WE OWE OUR ESCAPE TO!


AS THE MEN LOOKED SKYWARDS AT THE SILVER JET STREAKING SOUTH TOWARD HOME...THEY KNEW A CAPTURED EAGLE WAS BACK IN THE SKY..
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THE DETONATING PLUNGER OF THIS MINE WAS RELEASED WHEN I CRAWLED ON TOP OF IT! THE PLUNGER CAME UP--HIT ME--AND WAS STOPPED BY MY BODY!

BAM! VROOM!

I'M A HUMAN TRIGGER! THE PLUNGER WILL STAY JUST WHERE IT IS AS LONG AS I DON'T MOVE! IF I DO--**BLAM!** THAT'S ALL... YET, I'VE **GOT** TO GET OUT OF THIS BULL'S EYE SOMEHOW--WITHOUT SETTING IT OFF!

"A GUY DOES A LOT OF FAST THINKING IN A SPOT LIKE THIS... OF HOW YOU GOT INTO IT--AT DAWN, WHEN YOUR OUTFIT PUSHED OUT..."

KPOW! KPOW!

BRATATAT!

"THE FIRST JOB! CLEAR A HEDGE-ROW OF NAZI TROOPS..."

THEY'RE DUG IN BEHIND THAT HEDGEROW! WE'VE GOT TO CLEAR 'EM OUT!

SURE, SCOTTY! IS THAT ALL? JUST CLEAR 'EM OUT?

NOPE! AFTER THAT WE'VE GOT TO LOCATE A MINE FIELD THAT'S HOLDING UP OUR ADVANCE! BUT WE'LL TAKE FIRST THINGS FIRST--AND GET THAT HEDGEROW!

"WE FLANKED THAT HEDGEROW, AND GOT BEHIND 'EM.. THEY BADLY OUT-NUMBERED US..."

"AND THEN WE WERE TOO CLOSE FOR FIRING--BUT NOT TOO CLOSE FOR 'HAND TO HAND' FIGHTING..."

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"IT WAS ONLY FAIR THAT I GAVE HIM A *RETURN* LESSON.."

"PRETTY SOON IT WAS QUIET ALONG THE HEDGEROW..."

YOU GUYS ALL RIGHT?

MY LEG'S HURT.. BUT I'LL MAKE OUT!

JUST A SHOULDER WOUND!

THEN TELL THE PLATOON TO MOVE UP AFTER ME! I'M GOING ON AHEAD TO SEE IF I CAN FIND THAT HIDDEN MINE FIELD!

"I WAS WORKING MY WAY ACROSS THE FLATS ON A STRETCH OF NO-MAN'S LAND..."
NO SIGNS OF DIGGING... BUT WHEN THE NAZIS PLANT THEIR MINES THEY DON'T LEAVE SIGNS!
BLAST IT--! SOMETHING METALLIC FROM BELOW HIT MY STOMACH!
I'M ON A MINE! THE DETONATOR CAN'T COME UP ALL THE WAY AND EXPLODE THE MINE--UNLESS I MOVE MY WEIGHT OFF! AS LONG AS I STAY FROZEN--I'M "SAFE"! IF I MOVE--THEN I BECOME A HUMAN TRIGGER!
NAZIS SETTING UP A MACHINE GUN NEST OVER THERE! IF THEY SEE ME--I'LL BE NAILED RIGHT HERE!
"AND THAT'S HOW I BECAME A HUMAN TRIGGER..."
THE ARTILLERY EXCHANGE HAS STARTED! THAT MEANS MY OUTFIT WILL BE MOVING UP! HOW CAN I WARN THEM OF THE MINE FIELD... AND THE NAZI MACHINE GUN WITHOUT BEING BLOWN UP?
BLAM!
POW!
OUTFIT--MOVING THIS WAY--I'VE GOT TO WARN 'EM! NO USE FIRING MY RIFLE--THEY'LL NEVER HEAR IT IN THIS BARRAGE...
WHUMP
POW!
BAM
POW!
POW!
POW!
POW!
HEY, GUY'S--!
POW!
YOU'RE HEADED TOWARD MINE FIELD--
BLAM

WHROOM!
BRRRRR
WHAM!
POW!
POW!
POW!
HALLOO--
LISTEN
TO ME..
WHAM!
BLAM!
THEY CAN'T HEAR ME! THE ARTILLERY IS DROWNING OUT MY VOICE!
BADDOW!
I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING! BUT WHAT? WHAT? HOW CAN I TAKE MY WEIGHT OFF HERE AND STILL KEEP ENOUGH PRESSURE ON THE DETONATOR TO KEEP IT DOWN--?
POW!
POW!
POW!
BLAM!
WHAM!
POW!
I THINK I'VE GOT IT! ... IF IT DOESN'T WORK-- I WON'T LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO REGRET IT! HERE GOES! FIRST... I'LL TAKE OFF MY HELMET--!
NOW... MY FIELD PACK... EASY... EASY!
WHAM!
BLAM!
VLAM
I'VE GOT THE WEIGHT OF MY HELMET, FIELD PACK AND RIFLE NEXT TO ME...
THEN... IF I CAN GRADUALLY REPLACE ALL MY WEIGHT... WITH THE WEIGHT OF DIRT AND ROCKS... I MIGHT BE ABLE TO CREEP OFF THIS MINE INCH BY INCH...
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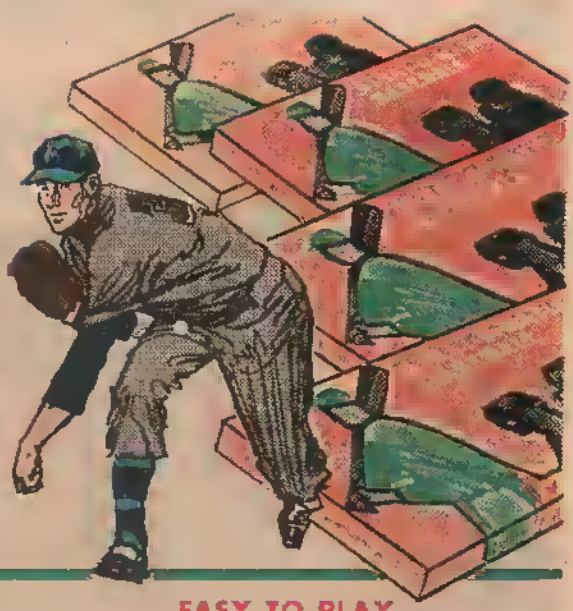

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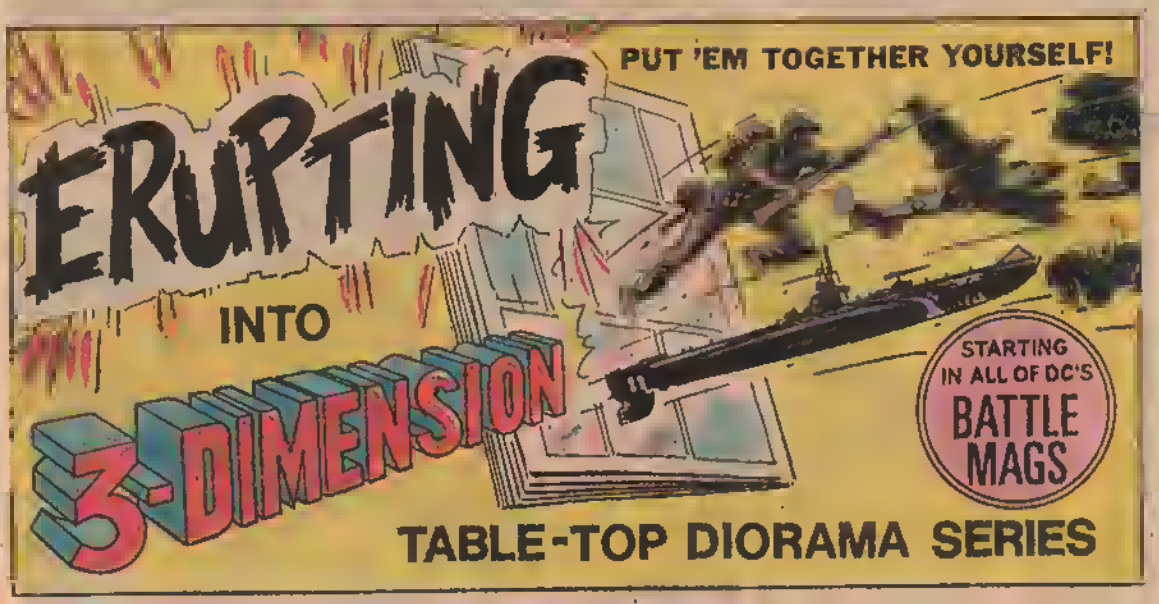
OUTFIT'S COMING CLOSER... HAVE I GOT ENOUGH UNDER ME NOW TO MOVE?
CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER... GOT TO CHANCE IT!...IF I'M RIGHT...THE WEIGHT UNDER ME WILL KEEP THE DETONATOR DOWN--IF I'M WRONG--?
MOVING TO ONE SIDE--HE TENSELY AWAITS RESULTS...
AGONIZING MOMENTS PASS... AND THEN...
I'VE DONE IT!..! I'VE DONE IT! I'VE STOPPED THE MINE!
HALLOO--! STOP WHERE YOU ARE! STOP! DON'T GO ANY FURTHER!
BRROOOM
BLAM!
POW!

THE NOZZLE OF THE NAZI MACHINE GUN PREVIOUSLY POINTED AT THE ADVANCING G.I.'s NOW SWINGS TOWARD THE SHOUTING FIGURE...
BRAMMMMM!
BLAM!
BAM
HALLOO--! STOP WHERE YOU ARE! STOP!--DON'T GO ANY FURTHER!
THE GUYS HEARD ME! TH—
SPADOW!
DOW!
SPADOW!
THEY'RE MOVING AROUND THE MINE FIELD--ATTACKING THE MACHINE GUN WITH RIFLE GRENADES!
WHAM!
LATER...
HOW'D YOU FIND THE MINE FIELD, SCOTTY?
IT FOUND ME, SIR!
MAKE WAR NO MORE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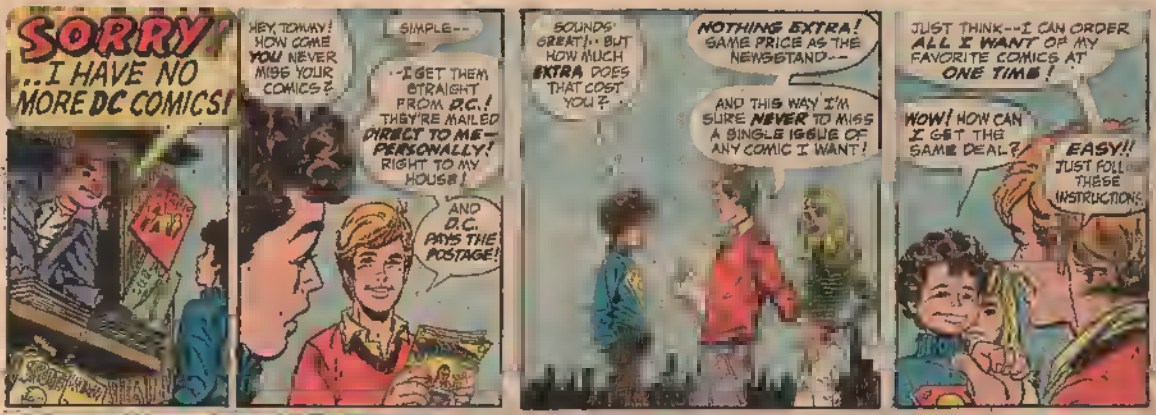
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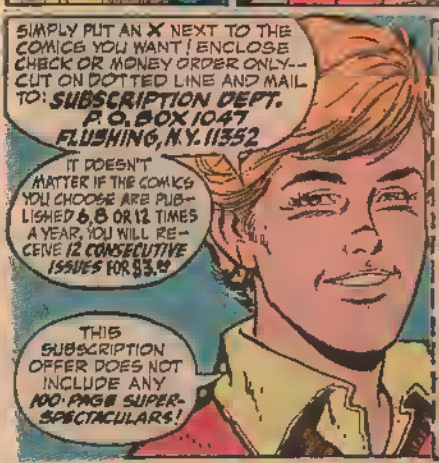
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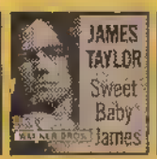

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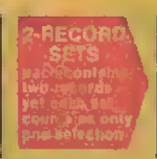

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Sgt. Rock is a whiz at warfare, no matter what the weapons. But now he finds himself facing a new kind of battle, stripped of all equipment, in "Naked Combat!" That's the headliner in the June issue of **OUR ARMY AT WAR (#246)**—but you can bet it's not all! For example, there's "Frogman Carrier"; and there's an adventure with **Custer** called "Yellow Ribbon!" So if you like real battle action, be sure to latch onto a copy when it comes out—**April 4!**

Superman! Hawkman and **Hawkgirl! Doctor Fate! The Spectre! Starman! The Ray! The Black Condor!** What do they all have in common? They fly! and that's what they're all doing in the latest **SUPERMAN SUPER SPECTACULAR (DC-13; #252; June).** There are the **Powerstone** stories from the Golden Age, pitting **Superman** against a super-**Luthor!** There's the first **Hawkgirl** tale from 1941! There's **Starman's** first duel with **The Mist!** Plus much more —on sale **April 4!**

Take **The Batman** and **The Teen Titans** . . . place them in a contemporary setting . . . add a dash of the generation gap . . . and you have a tornadic tale titled "Commune of Defiance," which you'll find (where else) in the **July** issue of **THE BRAVE AND THE BOLD (#102)!** I'd tell you more about it, but I haven't seen it myself yet. Well, I'm looking forward to reading it, even if I have to wait till it hits the stands, on **April 6!** How about you?

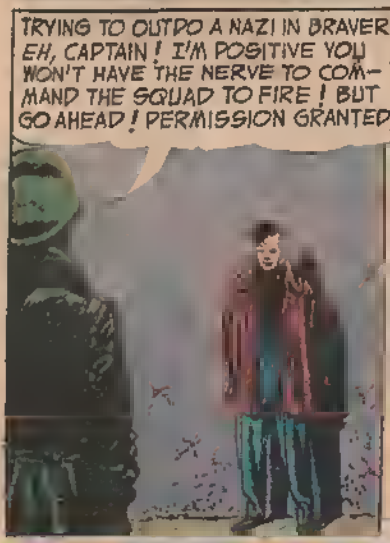
Abel has just revealed to me the contents of the **HOUSE OF SECRETS** for **July (#98)**—and it's enough chills to turnish a butcher's freezer for a year! John Albano wrote and Jack Sparling illoed a tale called "No Bed of Roses"; and the same pair did "A Far Away Place!" Albano also wrote "Born Losers," which Kaluta pictured; and there's a Len Wein tale, "The Night Train Doesn't Stop Here Any More," illustrated by Roy and Pepe. Add "The Phantom Ship" and "Secret Hero of Center City" and you have a fabulous fear-collection—on sale **April 6!**

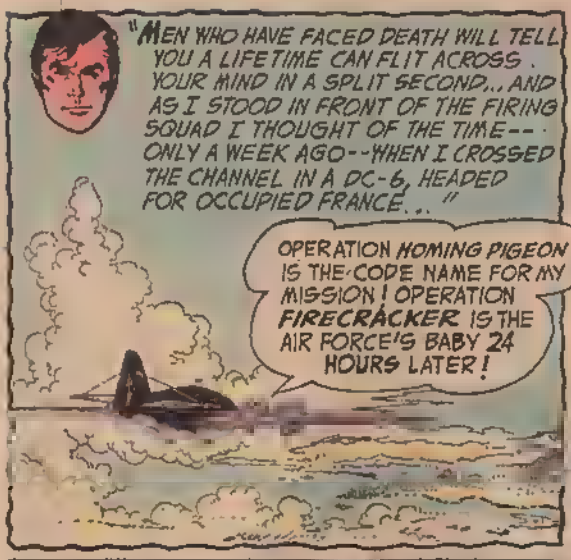
Jonah Hex makes a "Promise to a Princess" (an Indian princess, that is) in the **July WEIRD WESTERN TALES (#12). Jonah** is one of the most different Western heroes in comics history, and if you haven't caught him, you're missing a lot! Not that he's the whole show—after all, any mag that can boast characters like **Bat Lash** and **El Diablo** has to be good! DC is right out front when it comes to different deeds of daring in the ol' corral. You can get this one on **April 6.**

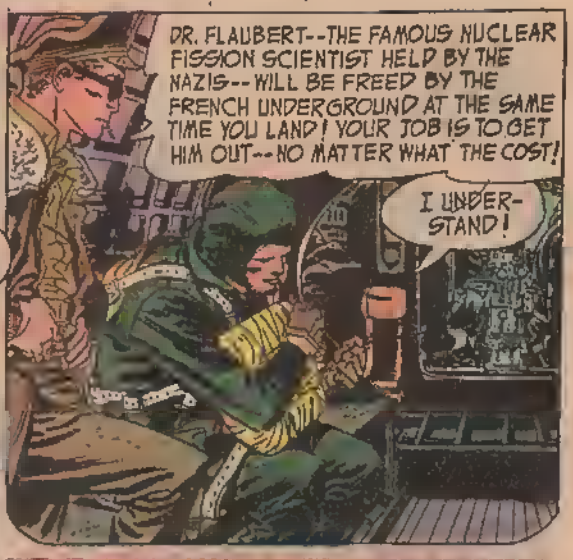
The Haunted Tank goes all the way to Russia in a World War II epic called "The Long Journey," illoed by Sam Glanzman, in the **July G.I. COMBAT (#154)!** Besides this, the issue features Naval action in "Frogman Battleground"; plus "Count on Me" and "Night Attack!" It's another collection of sure-fire battle hits—and believe you me, they're the best—by the best writers and artists in the field. This one'll be on sale on or about **April 6!**

"FACE A FIRING SQUAD!"

I KNOW... IT LOOKS BAD FOR ME! I'M ABOUT TO BE HUNG.. JUST LIKE THE STORY I'D HEARD OF A G.I. WHO HAD TO...
WE GIVE THE CONDEMNED A LAST REQUEST! WHAT IS YOURS, AMERIKANER?
I WANT TO COMMAND MY OWN EXECUTION!

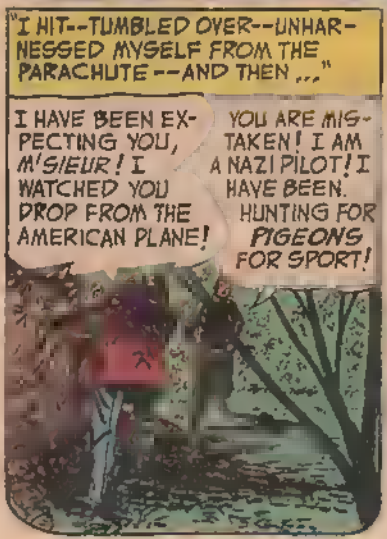

TRYING TO OUTDO A NAZI IN BRAVERY, EH, CAPTAIN! I'M POSITIVE YOU WON'T HAVE THE NERVE TO COMMAND THE SQUAD TO FIRE! BUT GO AHEAD! PERMISSION GRANTED!


"MEN WHO HAVE FACED DEATH WILL TELL YOU A LIFETIME CAN FLIT ACROSS YOUR MIND IN A SPLIT SECOND... AND AS I STOOD IN FRONT OF THE FIRING SQUAD I THOUGHT OF THE TIME-- ONLY A WEEK AGO--WHEN I CROSSED THE CHANNEL IN A DC-6, HEADED FOR OCCUPIED FRANCE..."
OPERATION HOMING PIGEON IS THE CODE NAME FOR MY MISSION! OPERATION FIRECRACKER IS THE AIR FORCE'S BABY 24 HOURS LATER!


DR. FLAUBERT--THE FAMOUS NUCLEAR FISSION SCIENTIST HELD BY THE NAZIS--WILL BE FREED BY THE FRENCH UNDERGROUND AT THE SAME TIME YOU LAND! YOUR JOB IS TO GET HIM OUT--NO MATTER WHAT THE COST!
I UNDERSTAND!

THAT NAZI PILOT'S UNIFORM YOU'RE WEARING WILL FOOL ANY STRAY GUARDS YOU MAY MEET! WE'RE OVER THE JUMP AREA-- READY?
READY!

AS ACK-ACK BURSTS EXPLODED ABOUT THE BOMBER IN POLKA DOT FASHION... I STEPPED OUT INTO SPACE..."

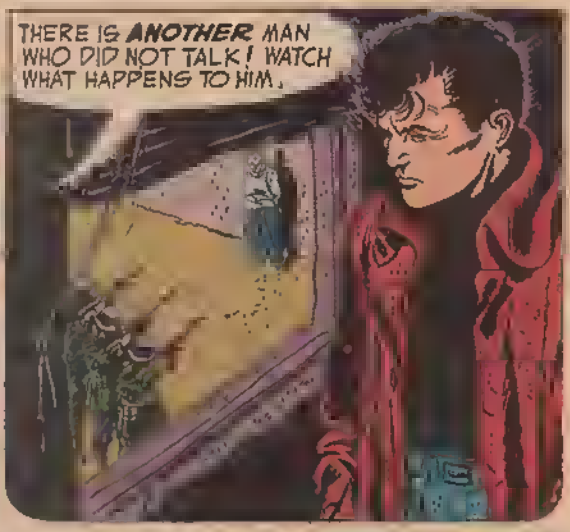

"I HIT--TUMBLED OVER--UNHARNESSED MYSELF FROM THE PARACHUTE--AND THEN..."
I HAVE BEEN EXPECTING YOU, M'SIEUR! I WATCHED YOU DROP FROM THE AMERICAN PLANE!
YOU ARE MISTAKEN! I AM A NAZI PILOT! I HAVE BEEN HUNTING FOR PIGEONS FOR SPORT!

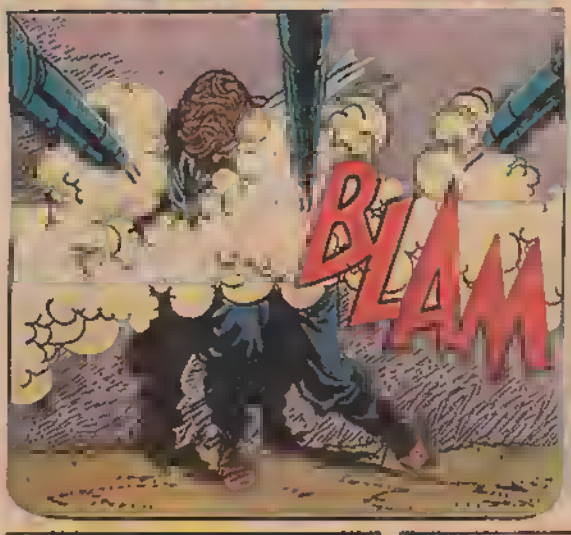
"OPERATION HOMING PIGEON"?
THAT'S THE PASSWORD, ALL RIGHT! I HAD TO MAKE SURE, DR. FLAUBERT!

HURRY! CHANGE CLOTHES WITH ME! THIS UNIFORM AND PAPERS WILL GET YOU TO YOUR DESTINATION... A CHATEAU FOUR KILOMETERS OUTSIDE OF PARIS, ON THE ROAD TO VERSAILLES! ASK FOR M'SIEUR LANVIN! I'LL GET YOU ACROSS THE CHANNEL TO ENGLAND!
OUI, M'SIEUR!

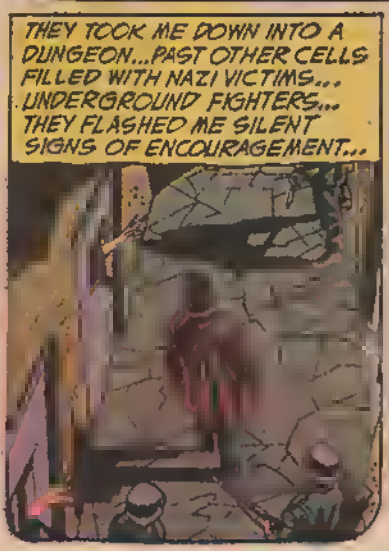
LISTEN! HOUNDS BAYING! THE GUARDS HAVE DISCOVERED MY ESCAPE! THEY ARE ON THE WAY HERE! WE MUST FLEE!
AND HAVE THEM CATCH US BOTH? NO! I'LL TAKE MY CHANCE ON "OPERATION FIRECRACKER!"
MY ORDERS WERE "DR. FLAUBERT MUST NOT BE RECAPTURED AT ANY COSTS"... SO...
HEAD UPSTREAM--FOR A MILE AT LEAST! I'LL DOUBLE BACK AND HAVE THEM CHASE ME! THAT WILL GIVE YOU TIME! HURRY! THEY'RE COMING!
YOU ARE TRULY A BRAVE MAN, M'SIEUR! ADIEU... ET BON CHANCE!
"WITH THE SOUND OF THE DOGS AND THE GUARDS BEHIND ME--I RAN UNTIL MY LUNGS ACHED AND MY BREATH RASPED..."
GOT TO KEEP... GOING... JUST A LITTLE LONGER... AND FLAUBERT WILL BE SAFE...
"BEHIND ME, THE DOGS STRAINED AT THEIR LEASHES--NAZI GUARDS SHOUTED AND URGED THEM ON--FOR NOW THEY HAD SEEN ME..."
FINALLY, I COULD RUN NO FARTHER--AND AS I FELL HEADLONG...
I'D BETTER... RUB... DIRT... ON... MY... FACE!
THE FRENCH SWINE DIDN'T MAKE IT! CARRY HIM BACK TO THE PRISON! CAPT. BRAUN WILL WISH TO "TALK" TO HIM ABOUT THOSE WHO HELPED HIM GET THIS FAR!
THEY TOOK ME TO THE PRISON WHERE I STARED INTO THE HATE-FILLED FACE OF A SNARLING NAZI CAPTAIN...
HERE IS THE PRISONER, HERR HAUPTMANN! WE--
DOLTS! IDIOTS! THIS MAN IS NOT FLAUBERT! WIPE THE MUD FROM HIS FACE AND YOU SHALL SEE!
HE TRICKED YOU! HE SMEARED MUD ON HIS FACE SO YOU WOULDN'T RECOGNIZE HIM... AND FLAUBERT WOULD HAVE TIME TO ESCAPE! TALK, PIG! WHERE IS FLAUBERT?

SO YOU REFUSE TO TALK? I'LL SHOW YOU A SIGHT TO LOOSEN YOUR TONGUE! TAKE HIM TO THE WINDOW!


THERE IS ANOTHER MAN WHO DID NOT TALK! WATCH WHAT HAPPENS TO HIM.


BLAM

YOU STILL WON'T TALK? VERY WELL! YOU GO BEFORE THE FIRING SQUAD TOMORROW AT SIX A.M. SHARP! UNLESS... YOU DECIDE TO TALK BEFORE THEN!


THEY TOOK ME DOWN INTO A DUNGEON...PAST OTHER CELLS FILLED WITH NAZI VICTIMS... UNDERGROUND FIGHTERS... THEY FLASHED ME SILENT SIGNS OF ENCOURAGEMENT...

AND THEN I WAS ALONE...

...WITH THE THOUGHTS A MAN THINKS BEFORE HE FACES A FIRING SQUAD...
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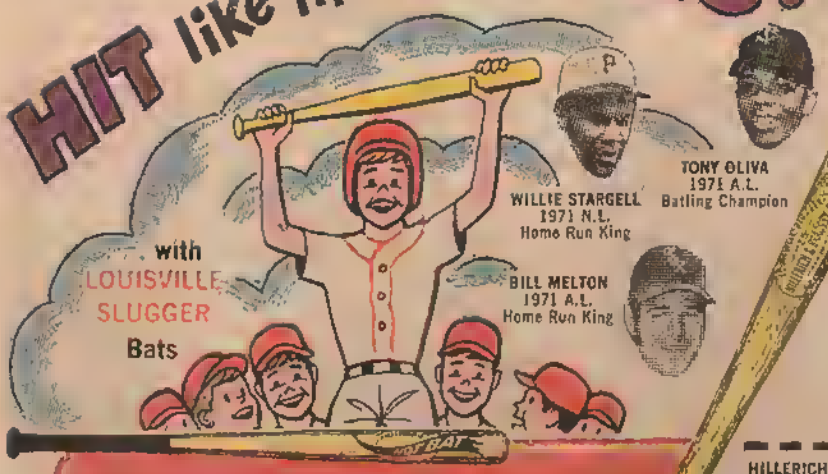
HIT like the CHAMPS!



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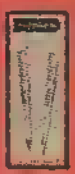

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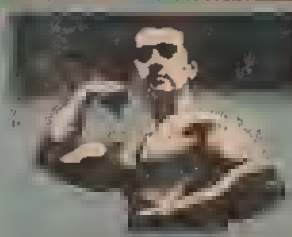

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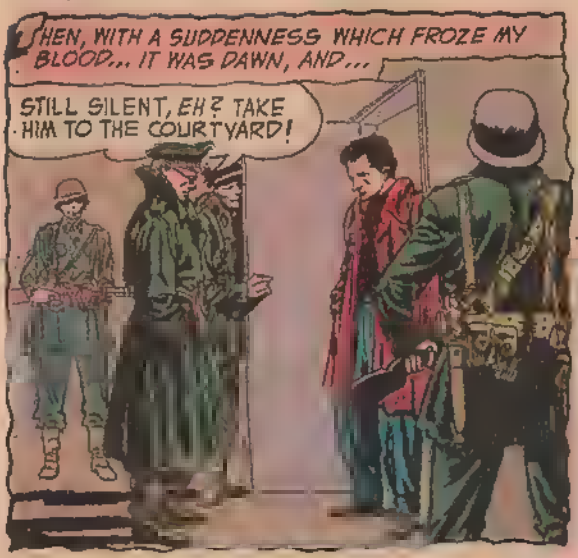
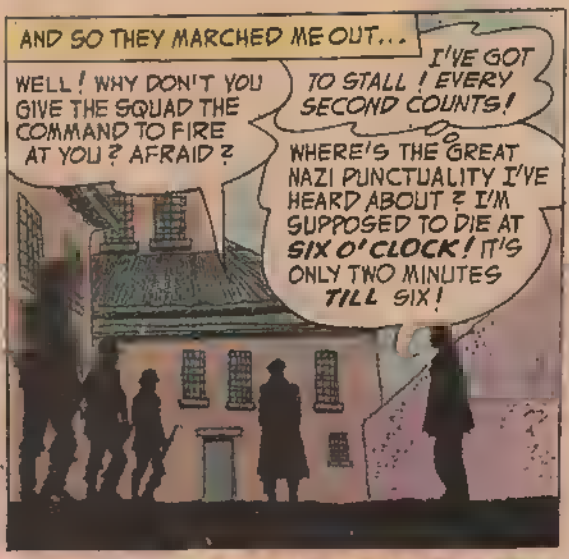
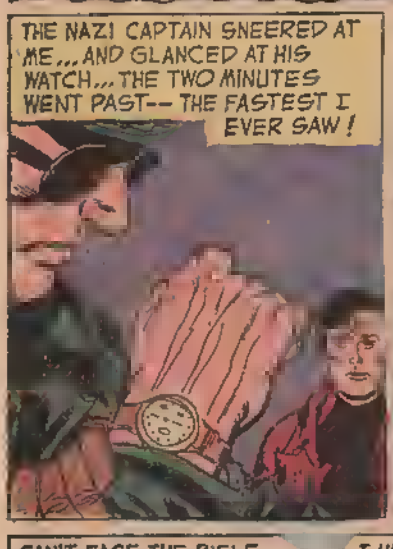
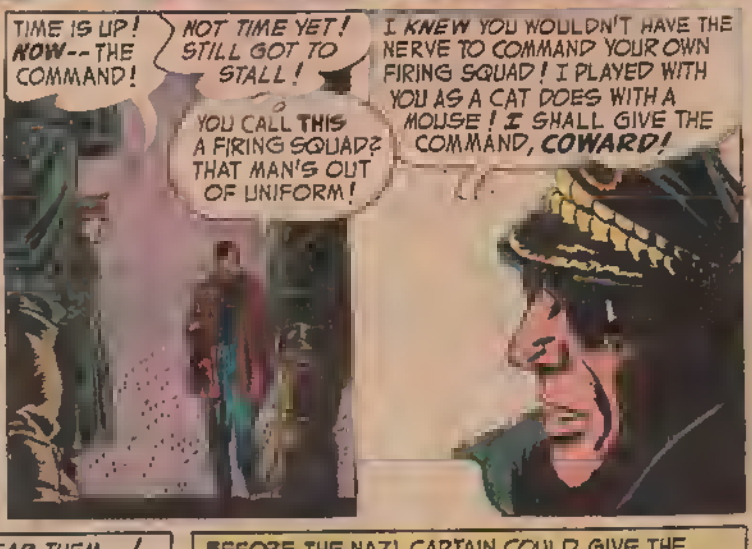
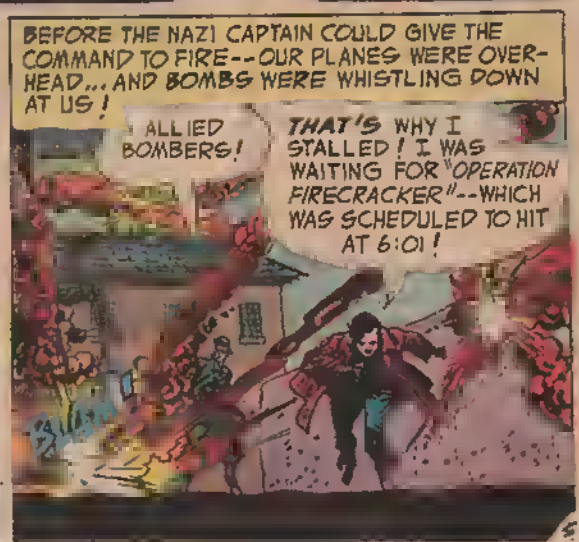

THEN, WITH A SUDDENNESS WHICH FROZE MY BLOOD... IT WAS DAWN, AND...
STILL SILENT, EH? TAKE HIM TO THE COURTYARD!

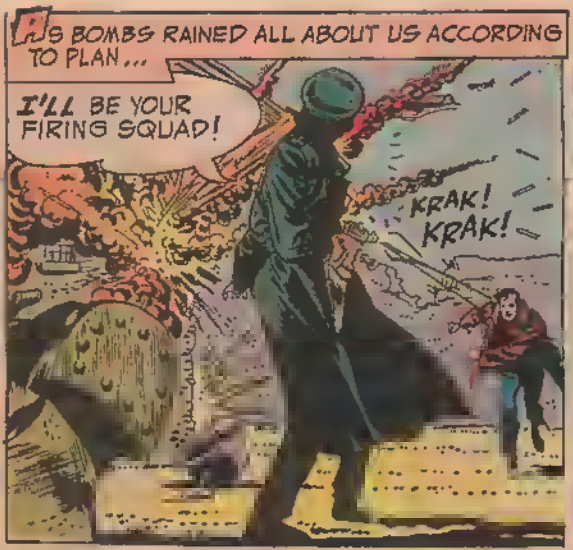

AND SO THEY MARCHED ME OUT...
WELL! WHY DON'T YOU GIVE THE SQUAD THE COMMAND TO FIRE AT YOU? AFRAID?
I'VE GOT TO STALL! EVERY SECOND COUNTS!
WHERE'S THE GREAT NAZI PUNCTUALITY I'VE HEARD ABOUT? I'M SUPPOSED TO DIE AT SIX O'CLOCK! IT'S ONLY TWO MINUTES TILL SIX!


THE NAZI CAPTAIN SNEERED AT ME... AND GLANCED AT HIS WATCH... THE TWO MINUTES WENT PAST-- THE FASTEST I EVER SAW!


TIME IS UP! NOW-- THE COMMAND!
NOT TIME YET! STILL GOT TO STALL!
YOU CALL THIS A FIRING SQUAD? THAT MAN'S OUT OF UNIFORM!
I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T HAVE THE NERVE TO COMMAND YOUR OWN FIRING SQUAD! I PLAYED WITH YOU AS A CAT DOES WITH A MOUSE! I SHALL GIVE THE COMMAND, COWARD!

CAN'T FACE THE RIFLE MUZZLES, EI'? HA! HA! ACHTUNG! READY... AIM...
I HEAR THEM--! I HEAR THEM COMING!


BEFORE THE NAZI CAPTAIN COULD GIVE THE COMMAND TO FIRE--OUR PLANES WERE OVERHEAD... AND BOMBS WERE WHISTLING DOWN AT US!
ALLIED BOMBERS!
THAT'S WHY I STALLED! I WAS WAITING FOR "OPERATION FIRECRACKER"--WHICH WAS SCHEDULED TO HIT AT 6:01!


AS BOMBS RAINED ALL ABOUT US ACCORDING TO PLAN...
I'LL BE YOUR FIRING SQUAD!
KRAK! KRAK!

DESPERATELY, I CAUGHT HIS GUN WRIST...
I'LL KILL YOU MYSELF -- SWI--!

I SLAMMED HIS GUN AGAINST HIM...

DURING THE CHAOS OF THE BOMBING--I FREED THE OTHER PRISONERS...
VIVE LE AMERICAINE!
SAVE THE CELEBRATION FOR WHEN WE REACH THE WOODS WHERE THE PICK-UP PLANES ARE WAITING FOR US!

SHORTLY AFTER WE WERE AT THE RENDEZVOUS FIELD, AND ON OUR WAY TO ENGLAND...
YOU'LL BE GLAD TO KNOW DR. FLAUBERT'S SAFE, CAPTAIN! ANY-THING UNUSUAL HAPPEN ON THE MISSION?
N-NO! BUT IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN DIF-FERENT IF "OPERATION FIRECRACKER" HAD GONE OFF
TOO LATE!
MAKE WAR NO MORE

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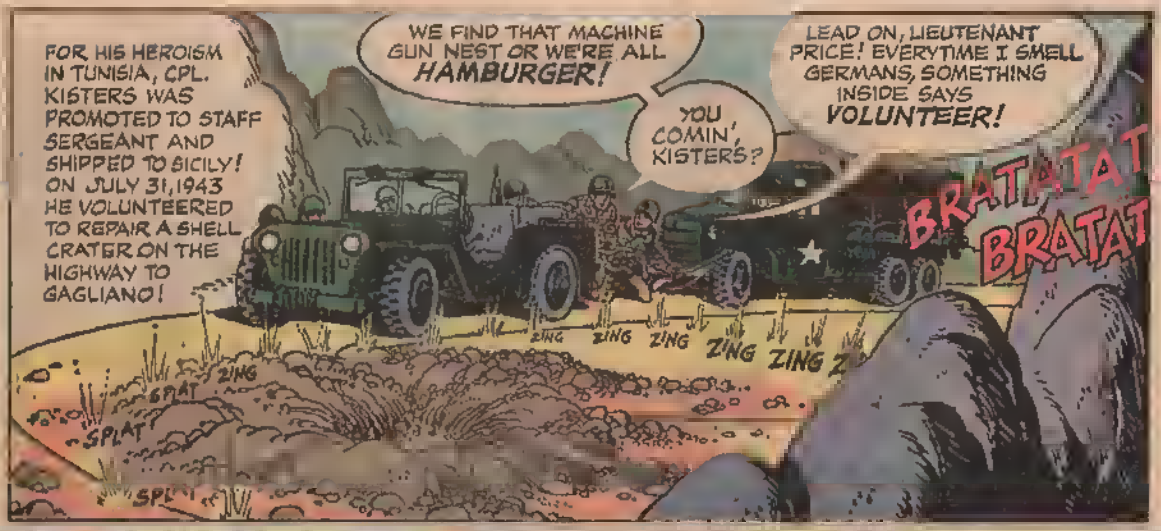
CORPORAL GERRY KISTERS

HE KNEW THAT GERMAN FACTORIES MANUFACTURED BILLIONS OF BULLETS FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF KILLING ALLIED SOLDIERS... HE WAS ***POSITIVE*** THAT NONE OF THEM WERE MEANT FOR HIM! IT WAS A BLIND FAITH THAT MADE GERRY KISTERS VOLUNTEER FOR EVERY HAZARDOUS MISSION! LIKE THE ONE IN TUNISIA WHERE HE SINGLE-HANDEDLY DESTROYED AN ***ENTIRE GERMAN PATROL*** AND BLEW UP AN 88 HOWITZER! EVERYONE SAID HE DESERVED A MEDAL.... ***BUT HE DIDN'T GET ONE!***


FOR HIS HEROISM IN TUNISIA, CPL. KISTERS WAS PROMOTED TO STAFF SERGEANT AND SHIPPED TO SICILY! ON JULY 31, 1943 HE VOLUNTEERED TO REPAIR A SHELL CRATER ON THE HIGHWAY TO GAGLIANO!
WE FIND THAT MACHINE GUN NEST OR WE'RE ALL HAMBURGER!
YOU COMIN', KISTERS?
LEAD ON, LIEUTENANT PRICE! EVERYTIME I SMELL GERMANS, SOMETHING INSIDE SAYS VOLUNTEER!
BRATATAT BRATAT
ZING ZING ZING ZING ZING Z
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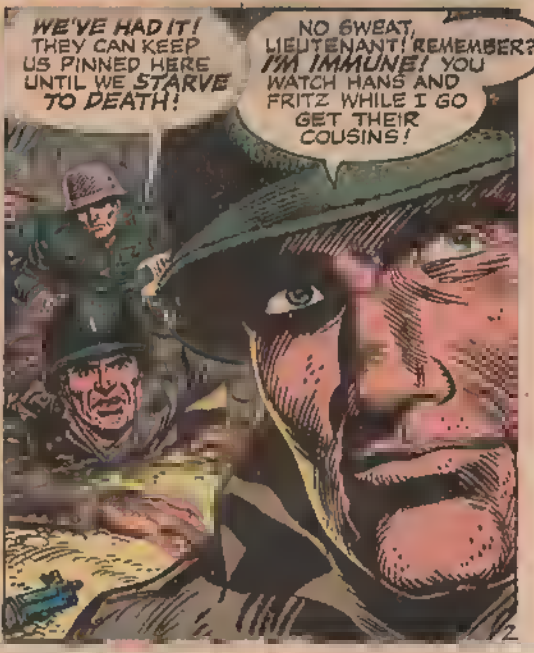
SGT. KISTERS AND LIEUT. PRICE APPEARED SO SUDDENLY THE STARTLED GERMANS SURRENDERED INSTANTLY!


WE'VE HAD IT! THEY CAN KEEP US PINNED HERE UNTIL WE STARVE TO DEATH!
NO SWEAT, LIEUTENANT! REMEMBER? I'M IMMUNE! YOU WATCH HANS AND FRITZ WHILE I GO GET THEIR COUSINS!

SGT. KISTERS' MIND RACED WILDLY AS HE CRAWLED THROUGH THE HAIL OF MACHINE-GUN FIRE!
STAY WITH IT! KEEP THINKIN' THEY CAN'T HIT YOU AND THEY CAN'T HIT YOU!
BR TAT BRATA RATATAT BRATAT
WHY DO I ALWAYS VOLUNTEER? I COULD HAVE WAITED TO BE ORDERED... WHY DIDN'T I WAIT TO BE ORDERED?
MIRACULOUSLY THE MACHINE-GUN FIRE MISSED HIM! THEN...
WITHIN SECONDS, SGT. KISTERS WAS HIT THREE TIMES IN EACH LEG!
IMPOSSIBLE! IT CAN'T BE!
ZING
ZING
ZING
NOW, WHAT DO YOU DO, BIGMOUTH?
SPLAT
CRAWL BACK AND YOU'RE UNDER THEIR CROSSHAIRS! WAIT HERE AND YOU BLEED TO DEATH! GO FORWARD AND.....
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DISREGARDING THE DANGER AND HIS PAINFUL WOUNDS, SGT. KISTERS CRAWLED TOWARD THE MACHINE GUN NEST!
I'M IMMUNE! I'M IMMUNE! I'M NOT GOING TO DIE!
SPLAT
SPLAT
SPLAT
I HATE TO DO THIS, FELLERS, BUT THEN, YOU STARTED THIS WAR!
BRATATATATAT
KISTERS SILENCED THE MACHINE GUN NEST AND WAS HIT FOR THE SEVENTH TIME BY A SNIPER'S BULLET!
LIEUTENANT PRICE! GET ME OUT OF HERE ALREADY!
BAM
LATER
WELL, THE ROAD'S REPAIRED AND YOU'VE GOT SEVEN SLUGS INSIDE YOU, KISTERS! STILL THINK YOU'RE IMMUNE?
SURE, LIEUTENANT! I NEVER SAID THAT I'D ESCAPE BEING HIT... ONLY THAT I'D ESCAPE BEING KILLED!
MAKE WAR NO MORE
AND SGT. KISTERS WAS RIGHT! A FEW MONTHS LATER, GENERAL GEORGE C. MARSHALL AWARDED HIM THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS FOR HIS HEROISM IN TUNISIA! THEN... HE WAS COMMISSIONED A SECOND LIEUTENANT AND AWARDED THE MEDAL OF HONOR PERSONALLY BY PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT FOR HIS VALOR IN SICILY!

IN THE SILVER MINES OF SPAIN... THE GOLD MINES OF ARABIA... THE IRON MINES OF NORTH AFRICA... THE COPPER MINES OF THE CAUCASUS... THE TIN MINES OF GAUL... LIFE REVOLVES AROUND CHAINS AND WHIPS TO THE SLAVES... NO LONGER MEN, AND SOMETHING LESS THAN ANIMALS -- IN THE QUARRIES ON THE BLACK ESCARPMENT OF NUBIA...
LOOK! HOW FREE IS THE HAWK... AS HE SOARS THROUGH THE SKY!
IS THERE ONE OF US HERE... WHO REMEMBERS WHAT FREEDOM MEANS?
ONE HAWK ATTACKS THE OTHER! THE LARGER ONE WILL WIN... BECAUSE HE IS THE STRONGER! HIS FREEDOM!
IT IS OVER! THE VICTOR... RETAINS HIS FREEDOM! THE DEFEATED...? A SLAVE!
SLAVE

YOU FILTHY SLAVES HAVE NO RIGHTS... NO FREEDOM!
GET BACK TO WORK!
I...MUST CHOOSE MY OWN TIME AND PLACE... AND... MY OWN DESTINY...
THE SMALL HAWK! IT IS STILL ALIVE... THOUGH BADLY WOUNDED...
...PERHAPS...I CAN SMUGGLE IT INTO THE BARRACKS...AND NURSE IT BACK TO HEALTH!
THE DAY'S LABOR GOES BY SO SLOWLY... AND YET--OUR FRIEND CONTINUES TO CARE FOR THE YOUNG HAWK!
I STILL SAY IT WOULD BE BETTER IF HE'D ROAST THAT BIRD!

SOON...
WH-WHAT'S THAT?
IT'S OUR FRIEND WITH THE HAWK! EACH NIGHT... HE CRIES OUT IN HIS SLEEP FOR HIS HOME AND FREEDOM!
BUT... AFTER BEING HERE FOR SO LONG... HOW CAN HE EXPECT TO RETURN TO THE WORLD OUTSIDE? HE CAN NEVER GO BACK...
THE NEXT MORNING...
MOVE, SLAVES...!
WE ARE ALL CONQUERED PEOPLES, GUARD... BUT--YOU ARE A SLAVE OF ROME!
BY YOUR OWN CHOICE!
DOG! I COULD STAKE YOU OUT IN THE SUN FOR THAT! CONSIDER YOURSELF FORTUNATE IN RECEIVING ONLY THE LASH!
WHAP!
SHORTLY...
HSST... HE SPEAKS OF ESCAPE! BUT--THERE IS NO ESCAPE!?
I HAVE SEEN THIS BEFORE MANY TIMES--HIS DETERMINATION WILL SOON TURN TO FRUSTRATION! TO BE PUNISHED FINALLY BY A PAINFUL AND LINGERING DEATH!
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SUNRISE... AND ONCE AGAIN...
ALL RIGHT! GET UP... GET UP!
THE BIRD.. BEFORE SEXTUS SEES IT!
HO, WHAT HAVE WE HERE...!?
WHICH ONE OF YOU SLAVES CLAIMS HE HAS THE RIGHT TO KEEP THIS BIRD...!?
I DO!
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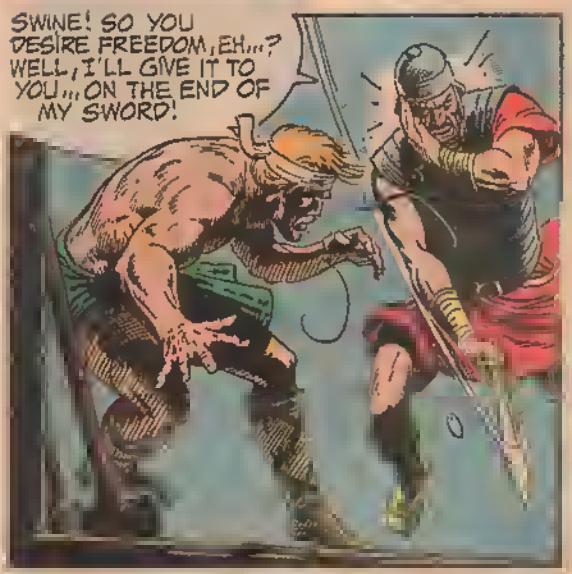
SUDDENLY!
AHHHHHHaa
MY FACE...!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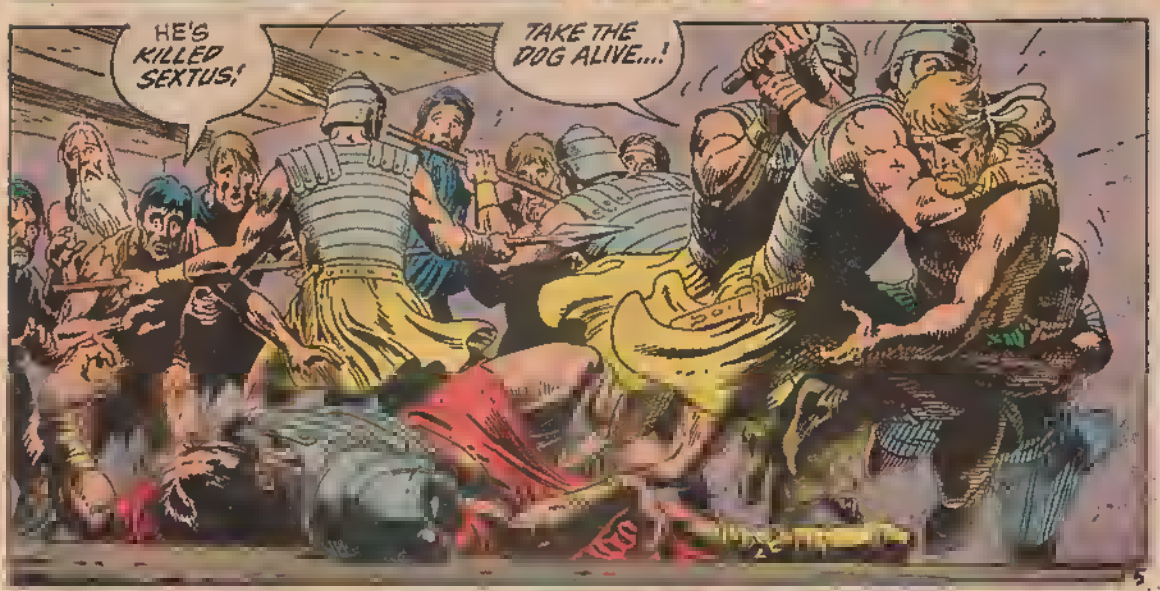
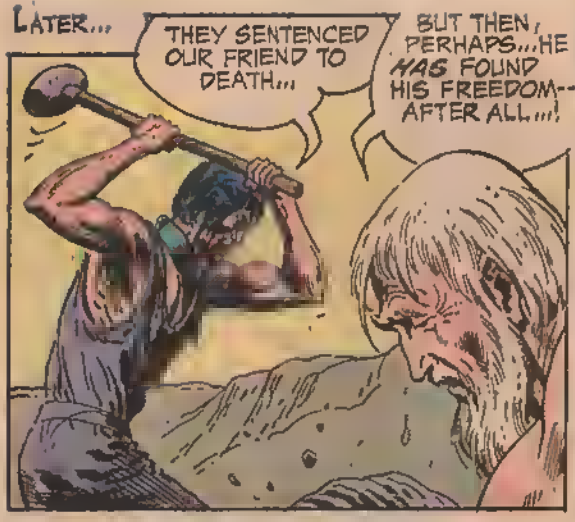
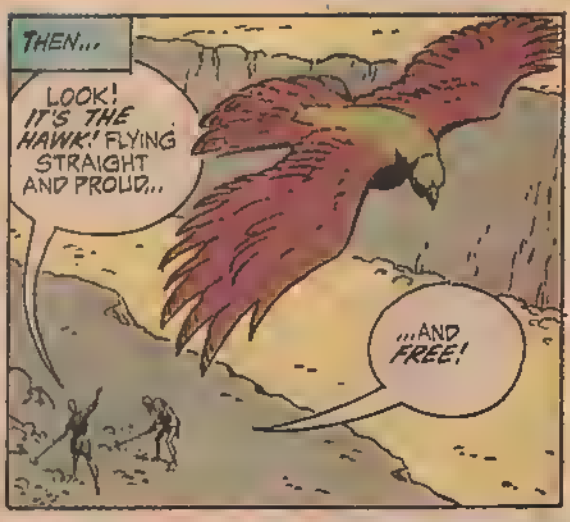
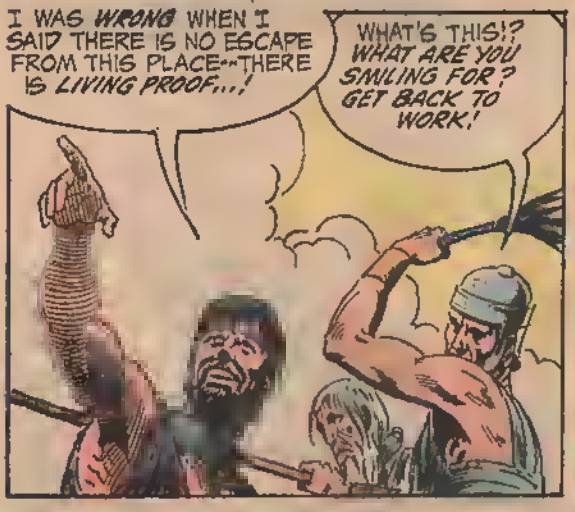
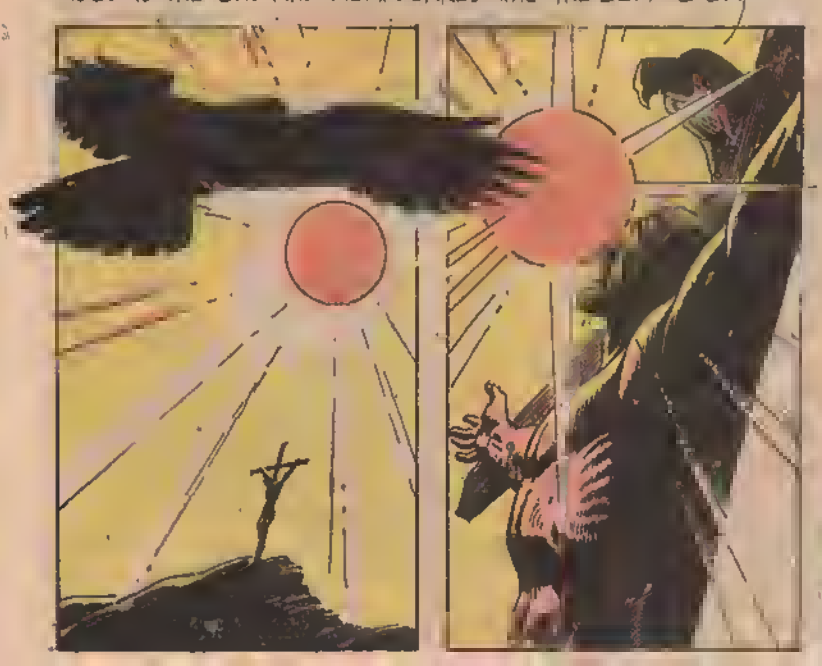

HE'S KILLED SEXTUS!
TAKE THE DOG ALIVE...!






I WAS *WRONG* WHEN I SAID THERE IS NO ESCAPE FROM THIS PLACE--THERE IS *LIVING PROOF...!*
WHAT'S THIS!? *WHAT ARE YOU SMILING FOR? GET BACK TO WORK!*

THE YOUNG HAWK LAZILY CIRCLED THE CROSS...AND THEN, AFTER PAUSING TO REST ON THE HORIZONTAL BEAM, AS IF TO OFFER A SAD BUT GRATEFUL FAREWELL TO THE MAN HANGING THERE, ROSE TO THE SKY AND DISAPPEARED INTO THE SETTING SUN...



OTHER GUYS MADE IT! THEY CHEATED DEATH! MAYBE I CAN, TOO!
MY PLAN HAS GOT TO WORK!
AN HOUR LATER...
AND, IN THE CHILLING AIR, THE MAN MOUNTS THE THIRTEEN STEPS UP THE GALLOWS... WHERE THE NOOSE AWAITS HIM...
BUT, BEFORE IT CAN BE DRAWN, HE KICKS OUT AT THE TRAP RELEASE LEVER--AND HE DROPS DOWN...
THIS IS IT!

THE CULVERT WILL LEAD ME TO FREEDOM!
POW
POW
KAPOW
KAPOW
I-I MADE IT!!
ONCE I GET INTO THE WOODS--
THEY'LL NEVER CATCH ME--!!
I CHEATED THE ROPE!!
I'M FREE!
WELL?
IS EVERYTHING READY? YES? THEN BRING OUT THE AMERICAN SPY--!!
B-BUT-- HERR COLONEL?! HE--
--HAS ALREADY BEEN HANGED-- A FEW MINUTES AGO!
HMM--
--PERHAPS HE HAS MADE THE FINAL ESCAPE FROM THIS HELLISH WAR!!
THE END

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Dear Joe;

I am a great fan of your "Haunted Tank", "Sgt. Rock." and other mags. But none of these compare to your new publications, "Weird War Tales."

The first issue was great! I especially like the way all the sories were worked into one theme.

After reading this wonderful comic, it just about drove me crazy waiting two months for issue No. 2 (Even then I had no way of being certain there would *be* another issue).

Needless to say, the second issue was worth waiting for. The art in "Monsieur Gravedigger" is possibly the greatest comic art ever. The cover was plenty good too.

Congratulations on the best war comic ever made.

Ron Cramer
Evergreen, Colo.

Dear Ron;

Each succeeding issue of Weird War Tales will have an entirely different *theme concerning off-beat, 'way-out battle sagas of which "Monsieur Gravedigger" (written by Jerry DeFuccio and illustrated by Reed Crandall) is an example.*

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Dear Joe:

I always hated War Comics until I read Weird War Tales. It's beautiful . . . real . . . and compassionate. I especially liked "The Moon Is The Murderer" and "The Face of a Fighter." I have never read or seen anything before about war that enabled me to get "inside" the soldier and almost experience it first-hand. The art work of those stories really is *art*. Deeply expressive art (more than many paintings I've seen in museums).

I'm grateful for having the opportunity to read Weird War Tales. Unlike my other comics which will eventually burden the trash man, Weird War Tales will *stay* on my book shelf.

I just wanted to thank you.

Maria Morrisson
Washington D.C.

Dear Maria;

I've duplicated your letter and given copies to all those involved . . . in lieu of a raise in pay.

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Dear Joe;

I liked your brand-new issues of Weird War. Especially "Monsieur Gravedigger." In subsequent issues of Weird War Tales I'd wish you'd have some more Legionnaire stories, because I just love them. I have one comment to make: The German Tank men *don't* wear German helmets. Instead, caps. Otherwise you have great comics.

Juergen Olk
Omaha, Neb.

Dear Juergen;

From now on, all enemy tankmen will wear caps . . .under their helmets.

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Dear Joe:

I have four of your mags. One is #1 of Weird War Tales. I liked the story of the "Fort Which Did Not Return." I liked it because of the art. Russ Heath did a fine job. Tell him for me.

Steven Amicarelli
North Providence, R.I.

Dear Steven;

Russ says, "Thanks."

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Dear Joe;

With regards to your "War Comics," why is it that:

1: 99.99% of the time the Americans are featured fighting the Japanese, Germans, Italians? You people do not seem to realize that there were a lot of other people (British, Russians, Canadians, French) fighting on your side in the First and Second World War.

2: 99.99% of the time the American wins? He wins even if the odds are ten to one, 100 to one, 1000 to one.

3: Nearly all the stories in these comics feature only First and Second World War stories? Why not have stories dealing with Korea and Vietnam?

4: Nearly all the soldiers, sailors, air men, and nurses look like they just stepped out of some beauty contest?

5: Why have war stories at all? There is enough in the papers today without you people adding to it.

L.Bau
Canada

Dear L. Bau:

1: Read more of our mags. You'll find Canadians, British, French, etc., featured in many stories.

2: 1000 to 1? That's *weird.*

3: A matter of preference.

4: They did.

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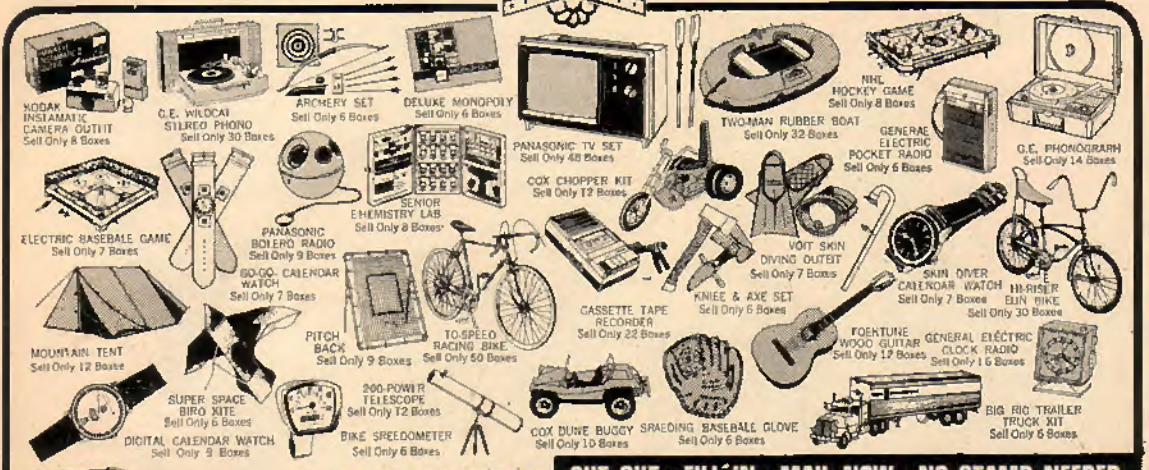
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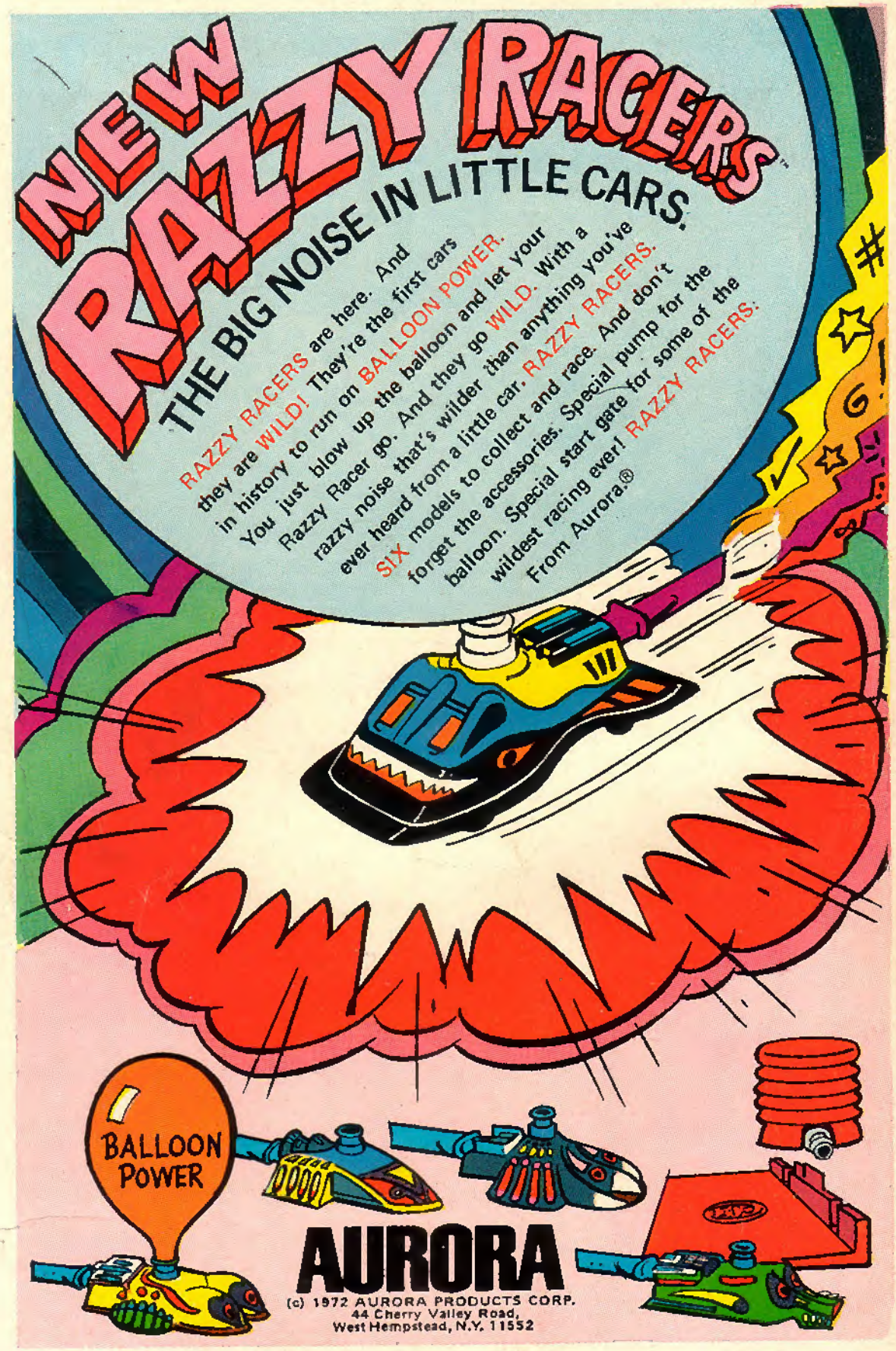
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